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REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies that were extended during the recent in person interview held on July 22, 2005. The amendments made by this paper are consistent with the proposals discussed during the interview.

The Final Office Action of June 20, 2005 considered and rejected claims 1-38.[1] By this paper, the independent claims at issue, claims 1, 8 and 33 have been amended.

As discussed during the interview, the claims have been amended to make it explicitly clear that most of the acts and steps corresponding to the recited method occur at the receiving device, not a sending device.

As further discussed during the interview, and as made very clear by the pending claims, object transfers accepted at the receiving device are transferred to persistent memory and processed, whereas object transfers deleted at the receiving device are deleted from temporary memory without being processed or saved to persistent memory. These teachings are clearly not disclosed or suggested by the art of record. Doganata, for example, which is directed to solving an entirely different problem (enabling an email sender to delete a previously sent email), discloses a sender deleting a message, rather than enabling a user at the receiving device to be notified of a received object and to have the opportunity to accept or delete the object.

Salo also fails to compensate for the failings of Doganata in this regard. Furthermore, Salo also fails to disclose or suggest the use of a global notification, as recited in amended claim 33, which can be accessed from anywhere in the receiving device.

As a final note, it will also be pointed out that the elements recited in claims 36-38, which are also clearly distinguished from the art of record, have not been addressed or formally rejected

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[1] Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,728,714 (Doganata et al.). Claims 33-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,728,714 (Doganat et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,609,148 (Salo). Although the prior art status and some of the assertions made with regard to the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicants reserve the right to challenge the prior art status and assertions made with regard to the cited art, as well as any official notice, which was taken in the last response, at any appropriate time in the future, should the need arise, such as, for example in a subsequent amendment or during prosecution of a related application. Accordingly, Applicants' decision not to respond to any particular assertions or rejections in this paper should not be construed as Applicant acquiescing to said assertions or rejections.

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for any articulated reason. This was addressed during the interview and it was made clear that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest these claims.

In view of the foregoing, the rejections of record are now moot, such that it is not necessary to address each of the other assertions of record in the last response. Nevertheless, Applicants reserve the right to challenge any of said assertions in the future.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are distinguished from the art of record, as discussed during the interview, and as generally suggested by the interview summary.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 23 day of August, 2005.

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